

ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

By this Amendment, dependent claim 4 has been amended to remove a superfluous phrase. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

In the *Abstract* section of the Detailed Action, the examiner stated that this application does not contain an abstract as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b), so that the examiner then required an abstract on a separate page. However, this requirement in a national stage (371) application is "improper" (see MPEP § 1893.03(e)) since the PCT published application contained an abstract on a separate page.

In the *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112* section, dependent claim 4 and claims 5-7 dependent therefrom were rejected for being indefinite due to the presence of the phrase "known per se" in claim 4. By this Amendment, the objected to phrase has been deleted as it is superfluous.

In the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, it was indicated that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-3 were allowed. This indication of allowable subject matter is appreciated. And, since claims 4-7 all depend from allowable claim 1 directly or indirectly and are now definite, claims 4-7 are also now allowable.

In view of the above, all pending claims are now allowable, so the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.